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FM AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MALI-UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE

REF: STATE 34927 (NOTAL)

1. IN CONVERSATION AT AIRPORT, WHILE WAITING FOR ARRIVAL OF PRESIDENTS SENGHOR AND KOUNTCHE (REPORTED BY SEPTTEL), FRENCH AMBASSADOR BLANC TOLD ME THAT GOUV HAD BEEN "QUITE SUCCESSFUL" IN OBTAINING ARMS FROM THE IVORY COAST. HE DID NOT SAY WHETHER THIS WAS IN FORM OF GIFT OR PURCHASE AND DID NOT DISCLOSE THE TYPE OF ARMS.

2. BLANC ALSO SAID THAT VOLTAN ARMY HAD BEEN ABLE TO PUT BACK IN SERVICE 15 ARMORED CARS THEY HAD RECEIVED FROM FRANCE SOME TIME AGO BUT HAD LEFT TO DETERIORATE AND RUST BECAUSE, ACCORDING TO MINDEFENSE BABA SY, "THEY DID NOT WORK PROPERLY." (THIS MAY BE ORIGIN OF
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RUMOR ON ARMORED CARS REPORTED PARA 3 OUAGA 392.)

3. BOTH BLANC AND FRG AMBASSADOR VERGAU HAVE INTIMATED
THAT VOLTANS HAVE PURCHASED ARMS IN FRANCE AND GERMANY
BUT THAT SUCH PURCHASES ARE SUBJECT TO EXPORT
LICENSING. BLANC COMMENTED THAT VOLTANS HAD APPARENTLY
THOUGHT THEY COULD PURCHASE AND SHIP THE ARMS WITHOUT
FRENCH GOVERNMENT KNOWING ABOUT IT.
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